

LESSON

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RETEACHING WORKSHEET

COPYMASTER

Denotation and Connotation

Review **Denotation** is the dictionary meaning or meanings of a word. **Connotation** is the emotional associations a word evokes in a reader or listener. **Context** is the words and sentences surrounding a word. The context may help you figure out if the word has a positive or negative connotation.

A. Directions: Read each statement. Circle *T* if the statement is *true* or *F* if it is *false*.

- T F **1.** The connotation of a word is the same as the denotation of a word.
- T F **2.** All words have at least one denotation.
- T F **3.** Synonyms are words that always mean exactly the same thing.
- T F **4.** The denotation of a word is its emotional association.
- T F **5.** Context can help you figure out a word's denotation and connotation.

B. Directions: Read each boxed example. Then, write answers to the questions.

EXAMPLE She was praised for remaining cool during the emergency.

6. In the example, does *cool* have a positive or a negative connotation?

7. Explain, in a sentence, how you figured out your answer to Question 6.

8. Write a synonym for *cool* with the *same* connotation as the example.

EXAMPLE The ice-cream was too soft, almost like soup.

9. In the example, does *soft* have a positive or a negative connotation?

10. Write a sentence using the word *soft*. Choose a connotation that is *opposite* to the example.
